

Summary Form

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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PROJECT INFORMATION

3. Requested Grant Amount: **\$70,500**

4. Project Title: **Manitou Incline Site Development and Management Plan**

5. County/counties: **El Paso**

6. Project Description (250 words or less):

The Cities of Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs are seeking funding from Great Outdoors Colorado to conduct the research and planning needed to open the Manitou Incline to legitimate public use.

The Manitou Incline is located at the former site of the Mt. Manitou Scenic Railway in Manitou Springs. It is a one-mile vertical ascent with an elevation gain of 2,000 feet. The average grade is 41% reaching 68% at the steepest point. Despite being substantially privately owned and posted "NO TRESPASSING," the Incline is one of the most popular hikes in the region attracting an estimated 70,000 users annually (including Olympic athletes in training). This popularity continues to grow.

Nearly 20 years of unmanaged, prohibited use of the Incline has resulted in significant erosion on the mountainside, dangerous trail conditions, user conflicts, traffic congestion and uncontrolled parking. This year, the City of Colorado Springs largely negotiated legal control over the corridor and both Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs entered into an intergovernmental agreement to plan for formally opening the Incline for public recreational uses. Significant planning and site development must be completed to mitigate user impacts, assure user safety and protect adjacent natural resources before public access can be allowed.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____
(From applicant organization)

Printed Name and Title: **Paul D. Butcher, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services**

